

1. Would you be willing to work against the best interests of the Western German Republic in any intelligence service?

Answer: Under no circumstances. Germany is my Fatherland and I ~~am~~ ~~satisfied~~ have no objection to a bourgeois democratic government.

2. Would you be willing to work for the French Intelligence Service in the Western German Republic?

Answer: No ! The French impress me as being chauvinistic and I, in good conscience, could not bring myself to collaborate with them. As it were, the obstacles they put in the way of EDC Treaty ratification are grounds sufficient for me not to deal with them.

3. Would you be willing to work for the Italian Intelligence Service?

Answer: No ! The Italians betrayed their friends at all times and I have no faith in the characteristics of the Italian people in political matters.

4. Would you engage in intelligence work for the German Democratic Republic or for the Soviets?

Under no circumstances. I am what you may call anticommunist right from the cradle and during my service with the Gestapo I was continuously engaged in defence against and combat of communism. I know only too well that I would be used as a mere tool until the moment they saw fit to liquidate me. I am perfectly immune to communist ideology and promises and I don't care to listen to anything connected with them.

5. Would you be willing to work for an American Intelligence Service in the West-German Republic?

Answer: That's something different, there I would collaborate wholeheartedly. It is clear to me that America is the only power which helped Germany again after its collapse. It is the only power capable to save Germany from Bolshevism. And the past has shown me that USA undertakes everything in order to protect Europe from the bolshevist threat. USA has a gigantic potential in its economy and armament industry and I believe that their intentions toward Germany are honest even though they do a profitable business in the process. After all, one cannot expect those things for nothing.

6. Would you accept an offer for employment with the West German Verfassungsschutz or any of its agencies?

Answer: I have no interest whatever in this institution. There are quite a number of tales regarding the type of people who found ~~their~~ their way into that one. That gang is too rich for my blood.

In 1951 I got a letter from a certain RAMLOW, formerly Kriminalsekretär with the Reichssicherheitshauptamt BERLIN, whom I know from my association with him at that post. He asked me in this letter whether I cared to step in again. I assumed that he meant the Verfassungsschutz and wrote to him in MANNHEIM that I was not interested in any way in this deal. If I am not mistaken I recall ~~some~~ of my former colleagues telling me once that RAMLOW worked for the French Intelligence Service in MANNHEIM.

7. Would you be willing to work for the British Intelligence Service?  
Answer: No ! I do admit that I like the British as a nation but I don't like their politics and for that reason I wouldn't care to have anything to do with their intelligence service, which, nonetheless, is a good one, indeed. I am the type of a man who sticks to certain convictions and I have ~~maintain~~ some views which I wouldn't change even for any type of a job. Economically England is always in opposition to Germany and it tries continuously to take over our markets and to exert economic pressure over us. If I was to work for a foreign intelligence service then I would work only for the American I.S., as I see therein the greatest ~~big~~ chances (Sicherheiten) in every respect.

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The above is the ~~sum~~ of my questions to HANTEL and his answers thereto.

Subject made a very good impression on me. In one respect only, that is in regard to subject's imprisonment in LUXEMBURG, I am not altogether satisfied and I am not able to commit myself. Subject stated that he believed he may have been sentenced in absentia to some prison term but he maintained that he never received a written notification of such a sentence. However, should he have been sentenced without his knowledge he was never given the chance to appeal.

On the other hand he received government support which in itself speaks in favor of his conduct during the last war.

Signed: Hermann